

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 20, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and considered. Claims 1-3 are previously pending and Claims 1-3 stand rejected. In the foregoing Amendments, Claims 1-3 have been amended and Claims 8-20 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and the claims of the application as filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3 and 8-20 are currently pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the foregoing Amendments and reconsideration of the present application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

The specification has also been amended to incorporate references in the body of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Record of Interview

On October 17, 2005, an interview was conducted by telephone between Examiner George Davis, Theresa Takeuchi, and Mark Hanish. Applicants thank the Examiner for granting this interview. The details of the interview are set forth in the Interview Summary document made of record.

Drawings Objections

The Office Action objected drawings because FIG. 7 and 8 are missing. FIG. 7 and 8 are filed together with this reply, and thus, this objection is traversed.

Specification Objections

The Office Action objected the specification for informalities. Applicants have corrected all of identified informalities stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, this objection is also overcome.

Claim Objections

The Office Action further objected the claims for informalities. All of the identified informalities have been corrected. As such, this objection is traversed.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was allegedly not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. Applicants submit herein a proposed amendment to Claim 1, which is believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Also, the claimed subject matter in amended Claim 1 is described in the specification. These § 112 rejections are respectfully traversed.

Conclusion

Based on all of the above, Applicants believe all claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

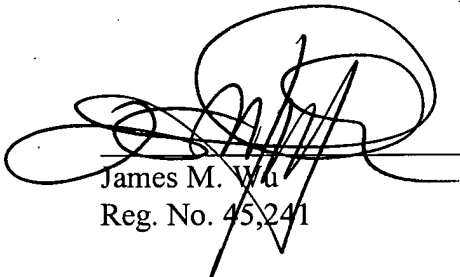
No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim Wu at (408)282-1885.

Respectfully submitted,

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